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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5717

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SUBJECT: ENERGY CRISIS - KOGAN REPORTEDLY SECURES PETROLEUM
SUPPLY CONTRACTS

REF: SAN JOSE 4222

1. MINISTER OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
KOGAN RETURNED FROM VENEZUELA DECEMBER 6, REPORTEDLY
WITH COMMITMENTS FOR REFINED GASOLINE AND DIESEL WHICH
SHOULD SOLVE OR AT LEAST CONSIDERABLY LESSEN COSTA RICA'S
ENERGY CRISIS. ACCORDING TO TRADE CONTACTS AND PRESS
REPORTS, KOGAN SUCCEEDED IN GETTING A COMMITMENT FOR
THE SALE OF 380,000 BARRELS OF GASOLINE AND 800,000
BARRELS OF DIESEL. THE LATTER PURCHASE SHOULD MORE THAN
COVER THE NEEDS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY
INSTITUTE, ICE, FOR OPERATING ITS FOUR THERMAL GENERATORS
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DURING THE DRY SEASON WHEN HYDROELECTRIC POWER IS

EXPECTED TO RUN SHORT.

2. RECOPE MANAGER COVERSTON TOLD EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 7 THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE DEAL WAS A STRAIGHT PURCHASE TRANSACTION (I.E. NOT A SWAP INVOLVING CRUDE UNDER RECOPE'S CONTRACT WITH SHELL) AT A PRICE OF 30 CENTS (U.S.) A GALLON FOR GASOLINE AND 49 CENTS (U.S.) A GALLON FOR DIESEL.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF WILL GET FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS PURCHASE FROM KOGAN DIRECTLY EITHER TODAY OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. IF THE DEAL AS REPORTED PROVES TO BE CORRECT, KOGAN WILL PROBABLY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HIS "COUP" AND ORDER SHOULD SOON RETURN TO THE MARKET IN COSTA RICA. KOGAN'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT, JULIO UGARTE, TOLD US DECEMBER 6 THAT EVEN WITH INCREASED SUPPLIES, COSTA RICA'S CONSERVATION SYSTEM ADOPTED NOVEMBER 28 (REFTEL) WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE AND SOME RATIONING WOULD LIKELY BE RETAINED TO BUILD UP RESERVES.
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